Bible School To Begin At Church of God of Prophecy

Vacation Bible School will begin August 1st and continue through August 5th each evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Church of God of Prophecy.

The Church of God of Prophecy is located on Route 1010, come to the old high school football field and follow signs.

There will be classes for all ages.

Pvt. Culpepper Completes Training

Army Private Richard E. Culpepper, whose wife, Linda, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Culpepper, live on Route 4, Appomattox, Va., recently completed seven weeks of advanced individual training at Ft. Benning, Ga.

The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, landmine warfare, field communications and combat operations. This qualified him as a light weapons infantry man and as an indirect fire crewman.

He was taught to perform any of the duties in a rifle or mortar squad.

Pvt. Culpepper entered the Army last March.

STONEWALL

So Joshua let the people depart, every man into his inheritance. Joshua 24:28

Mr. Johnny Harrison is improving slowly.

Mr. Hubert Scruggs is back at the nursing home at Spout Spring after being in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Gilbert went to Lexington, Va. to visit his mother who was in the hospital last Monday and brought her to the Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg so they could care for her. She will undergo an operation early this week. We just wish the best for her.

Mrs. Connie Garrett will take her mother, Mrs. John Ewers to Richmond Tuesday to the eye hospital for treatment. Let's pray with her that her sight will be restored.

So sorry to report the death of Mrs. Gerry Clemons' brother, Mr. Shiflet of West Virginia.

Mrs. J. W. Weeks is back in the Lynchburg General Hospital. Very ill again. Mrs. Andrew Elliott visited her last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jones, Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler visited Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler Sunday.

A big crowd from Hebron went to the crusade at Rustburg last week each night.

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Father Darkleaf

BY
Calvin Robinson

Each Monday morning as I prepare this column, I tell myself that I should not write about how dry it is hereabouts, because by the time the paper reaches you we will probably have had a nice rain and things will be back to normal. On top of that, I am a professional optimist. Alas, it has not worked out that way. In and around Appomattox, it is awesomely dry. You can hear the grass cracking as you walk across the lawn. And we are bearing up very well. The town water supply is holding up. People are careful not to waste water. (I shave on alternate days until it rains, and keep on the lookout for dripping spigots.) Relief will come, and on Martha Street, Relief is spelled R-A-I-N.

Early one morning I saw a red bird and it reminded me to put out a ration of water for the birds.

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I jot down notes from my reading and recent items from the memo pad...an estimated 56,000 injured per year in the nation by accidents with power lawnmowers.... and there are about twenty-eight million automotive accidents in an average year....on December 5, 1977, The Washington POST will observe its 100th birthday... twice a year in Virginia there are state bar examinations resulting in several hundred new lawyers, and I note that the first bar exam in the Colonies was given in Delaware in 1763....Appomattox County has had over thirty lawyers; I have a list someplace and it includes such names as C. C. May, Chas. H. Sackett, W.B. Tinsley, B. F. Oden, W. C. Franklin, H. B. Hawes, Frank Saunders, Luther Throckmorton, C. E. Hunter, and names like Boccok, Abbitt, Ferguson, Flood, Crawley, Carter, Gray, Lawson, and Kerr. Over the years, there have been more doctors than lawyers. History is interesting.

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Among the goodies on our dinner table yesterday were "green beans" and it led me to recall when we called'em snaps or string beans. "Stringing " beans before cooking was one of my childhood chores. The name "snaps" was a natural, as a cracking noise was made when the bean was broken. Plants are the basis of our food supply. Remember, when you eat beefsteak, eggs, cheese or drink milk, GRASS is the basic background. Chickens, hogs, cattle, all depend upon plants. The chair upon which you sit, the book or paper you read, are products based upon the world of plants. In ancient times plant designs were painted upon walls and the practice is continued in our wallpaper. Grass becomes cotton, wool, and the clothes we wear. Synthetic fibres, perfumes and countless medicines trace back to plants. Same for leather. The search for spices motivated early explorers. Columbus was really looking for a trade route to spices and to the plant world of the Far East when he happened upon America. Our fossil fuels, coal, oil, gas that cook our food, warm our homes, power our automobiles and industries, all have a green origin from the world of plants. Over the centuries, man has spent most of his time looking for and often fighting for food and the smartest of men have labored to master the science of agriculture, its distribution and proper use. Our Creator started Adam out in a Garden and man has never improved upon the environment of that beginning.

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It is vacation time for many and Appomattox welcomes visitors. Take time to make travelers pleased with our area, its facilities and services. Good idea for visitors to take along a copy of The Times-Virginian as a souvenir of the only town in all the world named APPOMATTOX. Thanks for reading, and seeya next week.

Council Elects New Chairperson

Mr. Richard B. Carter, Sr., Director of Vocational Education, Appomattox County Schools, Appomattox, was elected Chairperson of the Virginia State Advisory Council on Vocational Education at the Council's meeting held in Richmond, Va., July 26, 1977. The 22 member Council, appointed by the Governor, is mandated by Congress and advises the State Board of Education on matters pertaining to vocational and technical education in Virginia.

Mr. Carter received his B.S. and M.S. from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg. Before becoming Director of Vocational Education, Mr. Carter served as an Instructor of Agriculture Education at Chase City High School, Bluestone High School, and Appomattox High School.

County's Population To Reach 17,800 By Year 2000

POPULATION PROJECTION

Virginia's population is projected to reach 5,278,000 by 1980, an increase of 368,700 persons over the 1974 population estimate of 4,909,300. This projected gain will occur at an average annual rate of 1.2 percent. Looking ahead to year 2000, Virginia's population is projected to reach 6,455,000, an absolute increase of 1,545,700 over the 1974 population estimate and at an average annual growth rate of 1.1 percent.

In Appomattox County, an increase of 5,300 over the projected population of 1980.

This projected gain will occur at an average annual rate of 1.4 percent.

These insights as well as population projections for each of Virginia's counties and cities are contained in a report (Population Projections: Virginia Counties and Cities, 1980-2000) just released by the Economic Research Section of the Department of Planning and Budget.

The current publication revises population projections published in March of 1975 by the Division of State Planning and Community Affairs and reflects final 1974 population estimates as included in "Estimates of the Population of Virginia Counties and Cities: July 1, 1974 and July 1, 1975" issued by the Tayloe Murphy Institute of the University of Virginia. Also reflected in this report are the population projection changes as appearing in the Economic Base Studies released since the publication of the March, 1975 report and revised State total population projections based on Series II fertility assumptions as released by the Bureau of the Census.

This report and other economic and population studies are available upon request at no charge from the Department of Planning and Budget.

Telephone Company Launches Award To Recognize Employees For Community Service

A new Public Affairs Citizenship Award has been established by the Continental Telephone Corporation to recognize employees who have made significant contributions toward the betterment of their communities.

"Continental Telephone of Virginia is a subsidiary of the corporation, and all of its employees will be eligible for the award," explained Stuart Vincent, Commercial Manager of Continental's Western District.

"Employees of the telephone company, both on and off the job, have always been among those who have responded with acts of unusual merit on behalf of their communities. This award has been established to recognize that dedication," Vincent said.

Inauguration of the award, he added, is part of Continental's efforts to encourage employee participation in the affairs of their home towns and areas.

To be considered for the award, an employee may have been involved in a single outstanding act of civic betterment or may meet that criteria through a cumulative record of varied activities. To qualify in terms of a total contribution, however, the employee must currently be deeply involved in community activities.

Award recipients will be selected by company executives at the Continental System's Eastern Region headquarters in Chantilly, Virginia. Those receiving Regional recognition will be recommended to a corporate selection committee. They will present corporate awards in those cases of exceptional merit and in recognition of meritorious actions which called for extraordinary dedication.

Among the criteria to be used in evaluating nominations will be how far the employee's actions went beyond that which can normally be expected of a civic-minded individual, the significance of the contribution to the community's betterment, the extent of the employee's personal involvement, and individual initiative and resourcefulness.

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94 Missionary Journeymen To Serve In 45 Countries

The 13th group of Southern Baptist missinary journeymen was commissioned at Monument Heights Baptist Church in Richmond on July 22nd.

One of the 94 being commissioned was Ginger Welch of Route 1, Pamplin. She received her B. S. degree in kindergarten education from Longwood College in 1975. A member of Elon Baptist Church, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Welch of Pamplin.

Ginger will be employed as a teacher of missionary children in Kitwe, Zambia.

The 94 new journeymen will bring to 898 the total number commissioned since the program's initiation in 1965. This group ties in size for the largest group ever commissioned with last year's 94 journeymen.

Journeymen are college graduates younger than 27 who work for two years alongside career missionaries in specific job assignments overseas.

GINGER WELCH

Job assignments include teaching preaching, communications, nursing, youth and student work, office management and many other tasks.

If further information is needed regarding locations for making application, call the Central Virginia Commission on Aging office, Lynchburg, Va., 804-384-6372.

Applications will be taken at the following locations:

Appomattox County Department of Public Welfare, 117 Court Street, Weekdays, 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Appomattox Dining Center, 5 South Church Stret, Appomattox, Va. - Tuesday, August 9th, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. .

Concord Senior Center, Long Mountain Masonic Hall, Rt. 2, West, - Every Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Commission On Aging Schedules Locations To Apply For Funding For Low Income Families

Scheduling has been announced the the Central Virginia Commission on Aging of locations where applications will be taken for funds to assist low-income families with past and future heating costs. This federal program, the Virginia Energy Payment Program, is designed to prevent low-income households, including the near poor, the elderly and those on fixed incomes, from experiencing danger to health or survival as a result of utility disconnection or lack of fuel.

Individuals, families and elderly persons who are poor or near poor based on the federal poverty level will be eligible to participate.

If a household meets income eligibility, verification that an energy emergency exists must be provided by a notice of disconnection, overdue fuel bills or notice of refusal to deliver. One time assistance of up to $250 will be available to eligible households.

Application must be made by Wednesday, August 31, 1977.

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD FINDS VIRGINIA FIBRE IN COMPLETE COMPLIANCE

At a meeting of the State Air Pollution Control Board in Richmond on Monday, August 1, 1977, the Board unamimously accepted a staff recommendation that Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville be found in complete compliance with all air pollution regulations.

The Board also found that all provisions of the consent order signed January 3, 1977 had been met and voted to terminate the consent order.

In an unusual move, the Board congratulated Virginia Fibre Corporation on its successful efforts in bringing its air pollution abatement program into full compliance.

LUNCHEON HONORS CANDIDATE

A luncheon at the John Mosby Inn Restaurant last Thursday honored John Marshall Coleman, Republican candidate for Attorney General subject to the General Election in November of this year. Shown in the above photo, left to right, are Robert Carter, local attorney; Monte Mays, Appomattox County Commissioner of Revenue; Mrs. Barbara Williams, Appomattox County Clerk of the Court; Coleman; and Jimmy Helms, a professor at Longwood College in Farmville.

A native of Staunton, he served as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from 1972 to 1975 when he left his safe seat to run for State Senate. Many political observers thought it unwise, because the incumbent Senator was a young, well-regarded Democrat...but Marshall overwhelmed the incumbent with a 57% win of the vote.

Marshall Coleman wants to be Attorney General and says he is ready for the job.

School Board To Meet August 5

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session in the Board Room in Appomattox on Friday, August 5, 1977 at 3 p.m.

Items on the agenda will include the opening of bids on fleet insurance; approval of School Lunch Program for 1977-78; discussion regarding pupil attendance and discipline procedures; report on plans for pre-school conference and opening of schools; report on progress of replacing heating system of Appomattox Primary School; report on progress of renovation of home economics cottage; report on summer conference sponsored by Virginia School Boards Association and a financial report.

Loss Of Crops Extensive

July Weather Conditions Break Records In County

July weather conditions for Appomattox residents broke many records, J. A. Smith, Extension Agent says. A review of data collected at the Virginia State Police Headquarters, Appomattox, Va. and information from the Hydrologic Information Storage and Retrieval System at Virginia Tech show the following July, 1977, temperature conditions:

1-90; 2-87; 3-86; 4-92; 5-92; 6-101; 7-102; 8-101; 9-96; 10-91; 11-96; 12-96; 13-98; 14-97; 15-97; 16-100; 17-101; 18-102; 19-102; 20-98; 21-103; 22-91; 23-88; 24-92; 25-89; 26-84; 27-78; 28-84; 29-88; 30-88; 31-94.

The new high of 103 was recorded July 21 breaking the old record of 100 on July 15, 1966. Official temperature readings are only available since 1962.

There were 21 days in July with the temperature at 90° or higher and there were 8 days with the temperature 100° or higher.

Rainfall data is available since 1933. The April rainfall was 3.17 inches, but there have been 43 years with less rainfall; May recorded 3.18 inches rainfall but there have been 15 years with less. June's record shows 2.32 inches, but there have been 13 years with less rain. July set a new low of only .26 inches.

July 1966 had 22 days with 90° or higher temperatures, exceeding this past month by one day, but only 3 day with the mercury going up to 100°.

Extremely high temperatures and low rainfall has caused the loss of soybeans and corn.

Although there have been moderate amounts of rainfall in April, May and June, there has not been a day since April 5, 1977 with as much as 1 inch of rainfall. The rainfall that was received over the past four months has been in small amounts, thus not wetting the subsoil and allowing for rapid evaporation.

Named Area Forester For Virginia Fibre Corporation

Virginia Fibre Corporation is pleased to announce the appointment of Warren E. Taylor of Appomattox to the position of Area Forester which was effective July 1, 1977.

Warren is a 1965 graduate of North Carolina State University in Forest Management and upon graduation received his commission to the rank of Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Army. He then served two years active duty in the Military Intelligence Branch stationed at Fort Holibird, Maryland and Pleiku, South Vietnam. While in South Vietnam, Warren served as an advisor to the ARVN II Corp.

In 1968 he joined the Virginia Division of Forestry as a County Forester assigned to Appomattox County. In this position he assisted the private landowners in protecting and managing their forest land.

As an Area Forester, Warren will continue to assist the private landowners in protecting and managing their forest land in addition to procuring pulpwood for Virginia Fibre Corporation from Appomattox and the surrounding area.

WARREN E. TAYLOR

Southern States Annual Membership Meeting Held

Mr. John P. Alvin of Concord and Calvin Harris of Gladstone were elected to the local Advisory Board at the Southern States Annual Membership meeting held in Appomattox on July 20, 1977. Over 50 stockholders-members & their families attended the session.

Mr. H. W. Coleman of Pamplin was named chairman of the local board, while Edwin Anderson of Appomattox was picked as Secretary.

Elected to the local Southern States Farm Home Advisory Committee were Mrs. A. B. Hunter of Red House and Mrs. Carter Martin of Appomattox.

Mrs. Cliff Plunkett of Appomattox was chosen as chairperson of the Farm Home Advisory Committee while Mrs. J. A. Martin of Gladstone was named Secretary.

Mr. John P. Alvin, Jr. of Concord was chosen as a delegate to represent the local membership at the Southern States Cooperative's 54th Annual Stockholders Meeting to be held in November. Mr. H. W. Coleman of Pamplin was named alternate.

G. Maxey Slater of Richmond a member of Southern States Cooperative's regional staff, in reporting on the over-all operations of the co-op for the past year, told the session that volume was over $375 million. His report also pointed out that cooperatives are an integral part of the private free enterprise system that has helped make the United States the greatest country in the world. Cooperatives are different though, from other businesses, in that the members (farmers, in case of farm co-ops) who own and control them are the primary users. Also, the main emphasis is on helping the farmer-member realize maximum profits from his farming operation.

The report on local operations and services rendered to farmer members was given by Ronald Coleman, co-manager of Coleman & Sons, Inc.

There was also a special recognition ceremony for new board members, Farm home Advisory Committee members, as well as those from these groups who were retiring. These included James R. Ford, Jr., E. W. Marshall, Sr., Mrs. Robert C. Winston, and Mrs. E. Marshall Stratton.

House of Rising Sun Closes

PLACE FOR RECOVERING ALCOHOLICS

The House of the Rising Sun, a halfway house for recovering alcoholics, opened in June 1976 and located at 1508 Grace Stree, has had to close its doors due to a lack of funds. The announcement was made at a Press Conference jointly sponsored by Central Virginia Mental Health Services (Chapter 10), of which the House of the Rising Sun is a member program, and the Board of Directors of the agency. A $20,000 shortfall to the program's operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 has resulted from a drastic reduction in the Department of Welfare's Title XX allotment for residential alcohol programs and due to "belt tightening" in Richmond, causing a denial of a request for State "Substance Abuse" funding for this program.

Dr. Robert D. Gardner, Executive Director of the Chapter 10 Board, stated that "insamuch as the shortage of funding represents more than 50% of the $39,500 needed for the program to operate on an admittedly tight budget to start with, the facility will have to close unless outside funds can be obtained. We have exhausted our usual sources for funding and have been unsuccessful at finding relief for the ailing budget."

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A.A. Group Meets

Alcoholics Anonymous meets each Tuesday at 8 P.M. in St. Anne's Episcopal Church on Oakleigh Avenue.

Anyone interested in the problem of alcohol is welcome to attend.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MEET AUGUST 12th

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors will meet in regular session on Friday, August 12th at 9 a.m. in the Board Room at the Clerk's Office in Appomattox.

A change in the meeting date had previously been announced however, the Board will meet on the regular meeting date.

DRAWING FOR WINNER OF FAMILY VACATION

A drawing was held during the noon hour Monday, August 1st, at WTIX Studios for the winner in the WTIX Family Vacation promotions for a FREE vacation for one week at the Sea-Who Apartments, Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina.

Pictured, left to right, Judy Rainwater, General Manager WTIX, The Honorable Watkins M.Abbitt and Appomattox County Sheriff, James E. Richardson. The winner was Mrs. Jean Brown, Appomattox, Va., telephone 352-7705. Mrs. Jean Brown's registration certificate was drawn from over 20,000 registrations.